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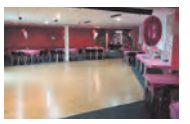
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Information plea after suspected abduction bid

DETECTIVES are investigating the suspected attempted abduction of an 11–year–old girl in Skelmersdale.

The incident occurred at around 7.30am on Wednesday, December 2 when the girl was approached by a man as she waited for a bus in School Lane.

He asked the girl for her name and address and when she refused to tell him he allegedly grabbed her arm and tried to pull her with him.

The girl pulled her arm free as the bus arrived and the man ran away.

Detective constable Karen Harrison, of Ormskirk Police, said: "This is a very concerning incident and the victim is understandably very shaken by her ordeal.

"While incidents of this nature are rare, we are taking it very seriously and have increased patrols in the area.

"We also have a team of detectives working on the inquiry and are obviously keen to identify the male.

"I would urge anyone with information to contact police immediately."

The man is described as tanned, aged between 30 and 40 with dark–brown hair down to his ears which was swept over his head. He also had light–brown stubble around his face but not around the top of his mouth.

At the time of the incident he was wearing a dark–coloured jacket, blue jeans and black trainers and had a silver ring on his left index finger.

Anyone with information can contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at Crimestoppers–uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you won't have to go to court.

TV CREW TOUCHED BY AVA'S APPEAL FOR HOMELESS!

Youngster's campaign lands her an appearance on This Morning

Report by **Henry James**

WHEN little Ava Phillips watched a TV programme with her mum Nadine about people sleeping on the streets, she was so moved by their plight that she decided she wanted to do something to help.

So the six–year–old from Tanhouse, Skelmersdale, appealed to friends, family and neighbours to donate blankets, duvets and sleeping bags to give to the homeless.

And the youngster's heart–warming appeal also resulted in her making a TV appearance herself on ITV's This Morning programme on Friday (December 4) when crews from the show visited her school, St Francis of Assisi RC Primary, to interview her.

They also donated £500 worth of blankets to her cause and presented Ava and her family with a holiday to Disneyworld in Florida!

The family have never been abroad before and don't even have passports.

Ava also got Nadine to get in touch with organisations which might benefit from their help and they plan to hand over all the items they manage to collect tomorrow (Thursday, December 10) to the Thompson City Mission and the Whitechapel Centre, both in Liverpool.

Sheila Greenall, a business manager at the school in Blakehall, commented: "Ava is a very caring and kind–hearted little girl. We are very proud of what she wanted to do."

TV presenter Michael Underwood, who interviewed Ava for the programme, said: "When we heard about Ava's story we wanted to see the work that she is doing. We have donated a large amount of blankets which will boost her collection.

"We often hear about a number of people doing great things but it's very rare for someone so young wanting to do something like this. It was very special to hear her story."

And Ava's auntie, Stacey Hooper, told the Champion: "This little girl has a heart made of

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Ava and mum Nadine with TV presenter Michael Underwood

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Mum found book inspiration at bottom of garden!

Now she's been nominated for national award

Report by **Henry James**

WHEN mum–of–four Zofia Goddard decided to turn her hand to children's literature she didn't have to look far for inspiration.

Glancing out of the window of her home in Parbold one day her attention was captured by the birdbath in her back garden – and the result was The Bird Bath, a 52–page publication targeted at pre–school children up to the age of five.

And it has earned the 36–year–old a nomination for the People's Book Prize UK. The annual award for first–time authors sees titles nominated by publishers and voted for by the public.

Available on Amazon and in Waterstones, the text for the book took Zofia just 20 minutes to write. She also did all the illustrations – although they took her a little longer to complete.

Zofia, who previously worked as an occupational therapist, is now working on a second book to be published in e–book format.

Zofia with her book

She said: "The book only took me about 20 minutes to write and it's all in rhythm and rhyme but the illustrations took a good few months – before the book, the last time I did art was for A–Level!"

The book is about birds and a naughty cat who have to share a birdbath and its message is about the importance of sharing and taking turns.

Zofia added: "One day I was just looking out of the window at the birdbath in the back garden and it triggered some thoughts.

"This is the first book I have had published. I had about 40 stories and I sent a variety to publishers in the UK and America and had some positive feedback from some, including for this one.

"In total it has taken about a year to turn it into a book. It's 52 pages long but, I believe, very easy to read.

"I have dedicated it to Our Lady and All Saints Primary School in Parbold where my children are pupils and I have also read stories to the children there as well.

"I'm really proud to have my work published – I've got a second one due out as an e–book – it's a great incentive for me to keep going with my writing.

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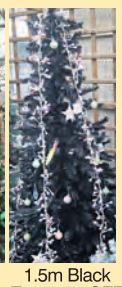
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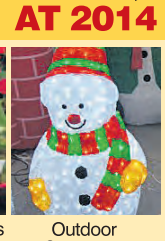
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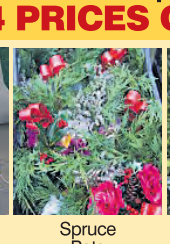
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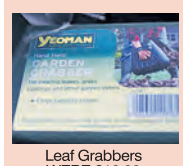

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Six–figure grant boost for women's refuge

Report by **Henry James**

A WEST Lancashire charity that supports the victims of domestic violence has been awarded a bumper six–figure grant as part of the Big Lottery Fund's Awards for All and Reaching Communities programmes.

The West Lancashire Women's Refuge, which is based in Skelmersdale, will use the £347,059 award for a project to support women and men at risk of and experiencing domestic abuse.

The service will include risk assessment, one–to–one support, advocacy and safety planning, along with intervention activities to prevent the risk from escalating and reduce isolation.

The scheme will also run recovery and freedom programmes to help people understand the beliefs held by abusers, illustrate the effects of domestic violence on children, recognise future abuse and help improve self–esteem and confidence.

A total of 160 projects across the North West were awarded funding totalling more than £3.7 million, with the West Lancashire Women's Refuge being the second highest individual award.

Lyn Cole, England grant–making director for the Big Lottery Fund, said: "I'm really pleased to see that so many projects across the North West will be bringing festive joy to communities, as new funding will enable them to harness talent and strengths and use these to deliver successful projects.

"At the heart of the organisations receiving funding today is their ability to support communities, deliver positive changes and help so many people make a real difference to their lives."

Awards for All provides grants of between £300 and £10,000 to voluntary and community organisations while the Reaching Communities programme awards larger grants of £10,000 and upwards for more long–term projects.

• Another Skelmersdale charity has also been awarded a grant by the Big Lottery Fund.

West Lancs Positive Living Limited, which was set up by parents and carers to provide the best possible services for their sons/daughters with learning disabilities and others like them, has been awarded £5,600.

The money will be used to offer Everyone Welcome Social Nights, themed social events for disabled people, at various venues across West Lancashire.

These will enable the organisation, which is based at Westgate, to provide access to mainstream social activities thereby alleviating concerns regarding isolation and loneliness and also provide unpaid family carers with a welcome break.

West Lancs Mayor Cllr. Nikki Hennessy takes to the 'ice' with Fairly Famous comedy street entertainers as Skelmersdale Concourse launched their Christmas celebrations last Friday. Code1086483

N–ice going at festive launch!

CHRISTMAS kicked off in style at the Concourse Shopping Centre in Skelmersdale with a Festive Friday celebration and the opening of an indoor ice rink.

Officially opened by the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Nikki Hennessy, the event included a host of free entertainment, a visit by Father Christmas, plus funfair rides for youngsters.

Centre manager, Gary Mitchell, said: "It was great to see so many people come to the launch of the festive season here at the Concourse and we hope that everybody enjoys the ice rink that will be here until Christmas Eve."

The ice rink is open daily and costs £2 per 20–minute session with 50p donated to the mayor's charity.

Police plea to parents

POLICE are calling on parents to make sure they know what their children are up to following reports of youngsters being involved in anti–social behaviour resulting in criminal damage to the window of a house in the Bramhall Road/Appleton Road area of Skelmersdale on Saturday, November 28.

A police spokesman said: "We understand that it's the minority that act in an anti–social manner but we are keen to speak to anyone who has any information relating to this incident before any further properties are damaged."

Anyone with information can contact PC Gibson via email at 1392@lancashire.pnn.police.uk.

Writer earns short story commendation

AN award–winning writer from Skelmersdale has added another success to her list of accolades by being given a commendation for her entry to an independent publisher's short story competition centred on stories about working dogs.

Carol Fenlon's submission, 'Ghosts of Former Days' which tells the story of a dog raised to fight, will now be included in an anthology compiled by publishers, Ouen Press. entitled 'Last Call & other short short stories.'

The publication features fictitious canines portrayed in a variety of roles.

Carol's story pieces together the early life of a puppy bred to fight, then explores its road to rehabilitation, fraught with challenges for new owners suspicious and frightened of its history.

A winner of the Impress Novel Prize in 2007 for her story of a feral child, 'Consider the Lilies', Carol also also sits on the editorial board of the journal, Short Fiction in Theory and Practice and is an active member of Edge Hill University's Narrative Research Group and the Skelmersdale Writers' group.

She said: "I am really pleased to have to have been commended in the competition. I knew some time ago that I had been shortlisted but only got the results this week – the day before my birthday which added to the celebrations.

"Although the story is fiction, I got the basic idea for it when my daughter adopted a rescue dog which went on to attack other dogs."

Youngster's appeal for homeless featured on TV

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pure gold. Although she's only six years old, when she watched that programme on homeless people it really got to her so she is asking people for help to keep them warm this winter by donating old blankets, duvets and sleeping bags.

"Her mum Nadine has been in touch with people with links to the Thompson's mission and the Whitechapel Centre and we are all collecting and doing our bit to help this little girl achieve her wish of helping to keep the homeless warm this Christmas.

"This is the first time that Ava has done anything like this. Her school have given their full backing and other pupils' parents are all donating. All the donations are being collected by Nadine and me.

"Our local community have been great offering support and there's still time to donate so if you can help, please do."

More information is available at a Facebook page, set up by Ava's family, called Avas Hugs For Winter, which already has more than 220 members.

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Council and police step up security in run–up to Christmas

High–vis patrols for Ormskirk town centre as part of enhanced campaign

WEST Lancs Council and their partners are working to ensure shoppers and visitors coming to Ormskirk are safe in the run–up to Christmas.

The council's CCTV system watches over the borough and provides reassurance to the community, as well as a valuable crimefighting tool for the police.

The cameras are monitored 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and operators are provide valuable assistance in preventing and solving crime.

In 2014/15 the CCTV unit recorded 1,096 incidents in their log. In addition to the 363 arrests that the CCTV operators assisted with, a number of the incidents also resulted in the police or PCSOs being able to intervene at an early stage to prevent trouble from escalating into something more serious.

Operators keep in close contact with local businesses and the police through the Shopwatch radio scheme, meaning officers can be alerted and respond to any incident as quickly as possible.

As well as the CCTV coverage in the town centre, West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership is planning an enhanced campaign in Ormskirk town centre on one of the busiest weekends of the festive period. This will see the police on high–visibility patrols with the council's licensing and CCTV teams on Friday and Saturday, December 11 and 12. Funding for this has come from the police and crime commissioner for Lancashire, Clive Grunshaw.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "Crime is low in West Lancashire and we want to keep it that way. With Christmas around the corner we want people to feel safe when they are shopping or enjoying an evening out.

"Community safety is extremely important and CCTV and the enhanced Community Safety Partnership campaign over two of Ormskirk town centre's busiest nights will help us to prevent crime and reassure residents and visitors."

Dave Tilleray, West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership chairman, said: "We want everyone to enjoy themselves this Christmas but also encourage people to help themselves by behaving in a responsible manner and looking after their own personal items."

And West Lancashire police inspector June Chessell said: "The CCTV system is a powerful tool that will assist in not only preventing crime but enable my staff to identify the small minority who are intent on committing crime or anti–social behaviour. We will be working closely with our partners over the festive period to ensure a Happy Christmas is had by all and that people feel safe."

There are currently 98 CCTV cameras across the borough, including Ormskirk town centre and various key locations, and the council is looking to install more in the coming year.

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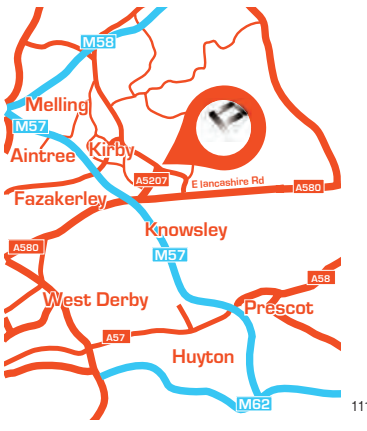

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Students enjoy West End trip

A PARTY of students from Lathom High School enjoyed a trip to London's West End to watch an award–winning play featuring Hollywood star, Nicole Kidman.

The school party visited the Noel Coward Theatre for the production of Photograph 51 in which Kidman plays pioneering bio–chemist Rosalind Franklin. The play focuses on Franklin's often–overlooked role in the discovery of the double helix structure of DNA. The title comes from 'Photo 51' being the nickname given to an X–ray diffraction image taken by Raymond Gosling under the supervision of Franklin.

After the show the cast held a 30–minute question–and–answer session with the students who were each given a copy of the script to take home.

During their stay in the capital the youngsters also visited the Houses of Parliament and Big Ben and enjoyed a trip on the London Eye.

Mrs Woods, head of Rosalind House at the school in Glenburn Road, who organised the excursion, said: "The students had a wonderful time in London, the play was fantastic and very thought–provoking.

"The question–and–answer session with the cast was an amazing opportunity for all and I was very proud of the students who were fantastic throughout the whole trip."

The Lathom High party pictured outside the theatre

Man who assaulted neighbour issued with restraining order

By Our **Court Reporter**

A SKELMERSDALE man who was alleged to have offered to pay people to assault one of his neighbours, has seen the charges withdrawn as magistrates agreed to issue a restraining order instead.

Paul Valdez, 37, of Beech Close, was, however, sentenced for assaulting his other neighbour when he appeared at Ormskirk Magistrates Court on December 1.

The court heard how Mr Valdez received an eviction notice from the council in April following a complaint made by a neighbour that he'd thrown Everton shirts into his garden.

Valdez had then gone to the neighbour and, after lashing out, his arms had caught the man recklessly.

The court was told that Valdez, who suffers from severe epilepsy which has caused him brain damage, suffered a fit immediately following the incident and was taken to A&E.

Prosecutor Andrea Fawcett said that other matters from February and March – including allegations of threatening behaviour and offering £100 to two separate people for them to assault a female neighbour, and also an allegation of assaulting her mother – could be withdrawn on the basis that a restraining order be imposed to prohibit him approaching the two women instead.

"He has denied a number of allegations," she said, "and they appear far more serious that they actually are.

"He lives close to a number of people. There have been issues between him and his neighbours and they have been going on for some time.

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"It's not in the public interest to proceed but we allege that he went to the family's house, was shouting and threw an item at the house. And a short time later he knocked on various doors trying to get them involved.

"It's not an isolated incident, it's not a one–off and it would be appropriate to have a restraining order in relation to the complainant and her mother."

The alleged assault, she said, was a push on the mother on a separate occasion.

Solicitor Kerry Doyle said that it wasn't accepted that Valdez was a nuisance neighbour, but "we do concede that it's in everybody's interests that he has no contact."

Though the eviction had been averted she said that all the proceedings had had a bad effect on his health. About the assault, she added: "His house is opposite his mum and step–dad's. It's his world, his rock and it was only when that security was taken away from him that he reacted."

The magistrates granted him a conditional discharge for six months for the assault. Complaining that the matters should not have taken so long to be concluded they ordered that he pay no prosecution costs but only the victim surcharge of £15.

However, they did issue the restraining order forbidding him from contacting the mother and daughter he'd had issues with.

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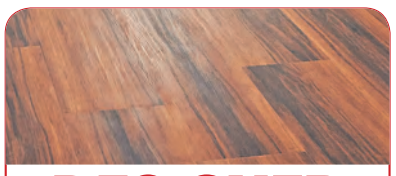

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Councillor welcomes launch of campaign to tackle domestic abuse

Report by **Henry James**

A LOCAL councillor has welcomed the launch of a campaign that aims to highlight and tackle domestic abuse.

Lancashire County Council's White Ribbon campaign takes a unique approach to the issue by working with and encouraging men to make a stand against domestic violence and abuse, and raise awareness of it.

Skelmersdale West Labour representative, Julie Gibson, who is also the county's cabinet lead for community safety, said: "National statistics show that one woman is killed every three days, and that at least one in four women will be a victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime.

"The White Ribbon Campaign takes a preventative approach working with men of all ages to take a pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

"Of course, the majority of men are not violent; indeed, national statistics show that one in seven men will also be a victim of domestic abuse in their lifetime.

"The county council Community Safety Agreement outlines one of its top priorities as tackling domestic abuse by working with families and communities to challenge attitudes and behaviour.

"Community safety partnerships across the whole of Lancashire have placed their commitment to tackling domestic violence at the heart of their strategies to make their communities safer."

"I would urge everyone to get involved in the White Ribbon Campaign by adding their name to the pledge which can be found at www.whiteribboncampaign.co.uk."

County councillor Julie Gibson with a poster for the White Ribbon Campaign

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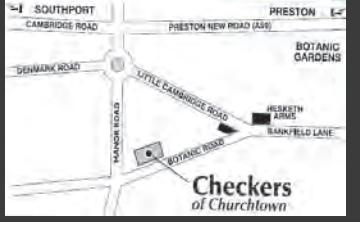

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Hospital praise for family fundraisers

By Danielle Thompson

MANAGEMENT and staff at Ormskirk Hospital have paid tributes to three inspirational families who between them have helped to raise £40,000 for a new transport incubator for premature babies at the hospital.

Steph and Milly Beqo, from Ormskirk, raised £20,000 by staging a sponsored by climb of Mount Snowdon in Wales along with 100 family members, friends annd work colleagues. Their efforts were inspired after daughter, Mia, who was born three months prematurely, received treatment at the neonatal unit.

Emma and Lee Graham, from Formby, started raising funds for the unit three years ago after their son, Theo, was born 10 weeks early. During the last year alone, they have raised £13,000 through a variety of actvities including a charity ball, raffle, bag–packing and a shopping event.

And Andrew and Sarah Malm from Ormskirk have raised £10,000 in memory of their son, Rudy, who died in 2010, despite the best efforts of staff at the unit. The couple, who have two other children, three–year–old Dollie and two–year–old Arty, raised the money by being sponsored to complete the Three Peaks Challenge.

Milly and Steph Beqo with daughter, Mia, Andrew and Sarah Malm, Simon Featherstone and Sister Karen Wareing

The new incubator will be used to transfer babies from the delivery suite to the neonatal ward, as well as between hospitals when needed.

Sister Karen Wareing, neonatal ward manager at Ormskirk Hospital, said: "It was a fantastic amount to raise that, as well as paying for the incubator, has allowed us to buy the necessary monitors to go with it. We feel very thankful and fortunate that parents want to fundraise for us and we really do appreciate all donations, however big or small.'"

Simon Featherstone, director of nursing and quality for Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "I want to thank them and everyone who contributed time and money towards the transport incubator which will be a lifesaver for babies for years to come."

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Headteacher Gillian Serjeant and some of the pupils present Chris and Lara with their donation **Code1085681**

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

TWO volunteers who are set to fly out to Africa next year as part of a community charity project returned to their former school to collect a welcome donation and give pupils an inspiring talk on the aims of the scheme.

Youngsters at Burscough Village Primary School raised an amazing £821 for the Ugandan International Need appeal by performing a sponsored dance to the 2010 South African world cup song, Waka Waka.

The money was presented to Lara and Christopher Webber, representing worshippers at St John the Baptist Church in Liverpool Road North who are running the project.

Lara and Christopher, who used to attend the school in Colburne Close, spoke to the pupils about how the congregation are fundraising to support a well–digging project in the community of Misandye in Uganda and shared how excited they are to be travelling to work on the project next summer.

Headteacher, Gillian Serjeant, said: "The whole school got involved with the Waka Waka dance and raised an amazing £821. Staff, pupils and governors are delighted at the continued strong support from the families. We are also proud to be able to support Christopher and Lara and wish them well in their venture next year."

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Changing name would take away Edge Hill's individuality

I WAS delighted to read the postive comments from Maurice George and Graham Wilson (Letters, November 25) about Edge Hill University but wish to disagree with Maurice's comments on name change.

Edge Hill is now a well–known brand and has been successfully marketed nationally. The accolades the university has received over many years, including 'University of the Year 2014' have been achieved under that name. To rename now would almost be like starting again.

To suggest that it is a relic of the past is far from the mark. You are actually referring to its history which has been developed with enormous success over a long period of time.

To suggest that it will cause confusion is also far from the mark; it has not done so since arriving in Ormskirk in 1936.

You could argue, with the same confused thinking, that the Battle of Edge Hill was fought there!

To think of renaming the institution as West Lancashire University would take away its individuality – we already have a Central Lancashire University and a Lancaster University.

Such a name also gives a hint of politics. Incidentally, I believe that the West Lancs Council suggested such a change in the early years of independence from the Local Education Authority which, after discussion was rejected by both board and management.

No change please – allow Edge Hill University to continue with their individuality delivering the highest form of education in the land and of the highest quality.

Yes, we are proud of it and it still belongs to all of us as Edge Hill.

Bob Wilson, Ormskirk

Councils have a watching brief over all happenings in their area

IN reply to Chris Cheetam's letter ('Council is not to blame for everything' – Letters, November 25) local councils are the first tier of government and have a watching brief over all happenings within their domain.

Their ability to do this is a measure of their competence, failure to do so is a measure of their incompetence. They always opt for the easy and obvious.

Having served as an engineer in the navy, worked abroad, ran my own company, and worked as a managing engineer for Wigan and Lancashire County councils in their property departments, I am qualified to criticise West Lancs Council.

Council senior management have little, if any experience of working outside the council. To compensate for this they hide behind paperwork, edicts and nebulous, ill–conceived, badly thought–out guidelines.

Council culture is one of non–confrontation with staff, management is non–existent, so a laissez–faire system exists. In other words, they are just left to get on with it.

We must work towards a better system, free from nepotism, with more experienced private sector staff, less agencies being used, experienced, cost–effective control and more people who know what they are doing.

Graham P. Walker, Up Holland.

So, just who should we hold to account for these broken promises?

So Mr Cheetham (Letters, November 25) says I should get out more.

Well, I do get out and I see what kind of amenities other places have, unlike, it seems Mr Cheetham.

For him to make the sort of comments he has is strange.

Is it nonsense to know that Burscough, Ormskirk, Southport, even Wigan, has all the amenities that I said Skelmersdale should have? Instead of having a go at me he should be getting on to the council for making promises to the people of Skelmersdale that they do not keep.

Also, the council wasn't always under such money restraints. And if the people can't hold the council to account when they break their word, who can we turn to? Why are they in power?

Also, if shop rents were lower maybe we would have more shops.

So, please Mr Cheetham, think of what you want to say before you put your pen to paper.

Does he not think the people of Skelmersdale deserve what other places have?

He says the council does not run everything, well who does?

It's about time someone took charge of the St Modwen farce, how long has this gone on?

David Carter, Digmoor, Skelmersdale

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A competitor in last Saturday's Junior Hordes 4 Break Dancing tournament. The event, hosted by Ormskirk's Base Dance Academy brought together beginner and intermediate crews from throughout the region.

Picture by Martyn Snape.

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Community support is vital to protect vulnerable children

CHILD sexual exploitation affects vulnerable children and has been identified by the police as the biggest threat in the UK apart from terrorism.

The support of schools is absolutely vital to the work that The Children's Society does in tackling this abuse. Our work with these children can literally change lives but we can only do this with the ongoing support from local schools and communities.

Every penny raised this Christmas will go towards our specialist projects which are providing crucial support to children whose lives have been affected.

Thousands of young people are being sexually exploited in every type of community across the country and children as young as 10 are being targeted.

We want to double our long–term support and help as many children and young people who have been victims of this abuse to stay safe and rebuild their lives through our specialist services. Your readers can help us do this by raising funds and having fun whilst getting into the Christmas spirit.

As Christmas approaches there are thousands of carol–singing and Christingle events being organised across the country in aid of The Children's Society. We need as many people as possible to organise a carol singing event or go along to their local Christingle and donate to support our work.

We are so grateful for the support we already receive from communities and we are proud of the fantastic festive events that go on in support of our work.

To view all of our free resources please visit www.childrenssociety.org.uk/christmastime.

Matthew Reed, chief executive of The Children's Society

University should accommodate all students on campus

IT is true that Edge Hill University has become like a 'cancer' in our midst with student landlords eating up all our small houses which would formerly be starter homes for young families and retired people.

Edge Hill should accommodate all the students on campus and stop this incessant growth.

Doug Elliot, Burscough

What do you think? Drop us a line at editor@champnews.com

Dogs need to be trained with love not punishment

I WOULD like to respond to the Champion's recent story on 'pinch collars'.

You should train dogs with love, not punish them. Owners should not be allowed to buy these collars –and those who think that they need them should be 'sorted out' not the dogs!

There should be a law that idiots cannot own dogs. I have had dogs all of my life and I have seen so many idiots being brutal to their dogs – it's all about the training.

If you train a dog well, he will be as good as gold and that's the end of it.

Infuriated dog owner (name and address supplied).

Not good enough!

TEMPORARY traffic lights in Prescot Road were causing havoc in Ormskirk last month and no–one came out for eight days to carry out repairs.

That's absolutely not good enough! A faster timetable is needed for sorting out repairs.

Angry Prescot Road resident (name and address supplied)

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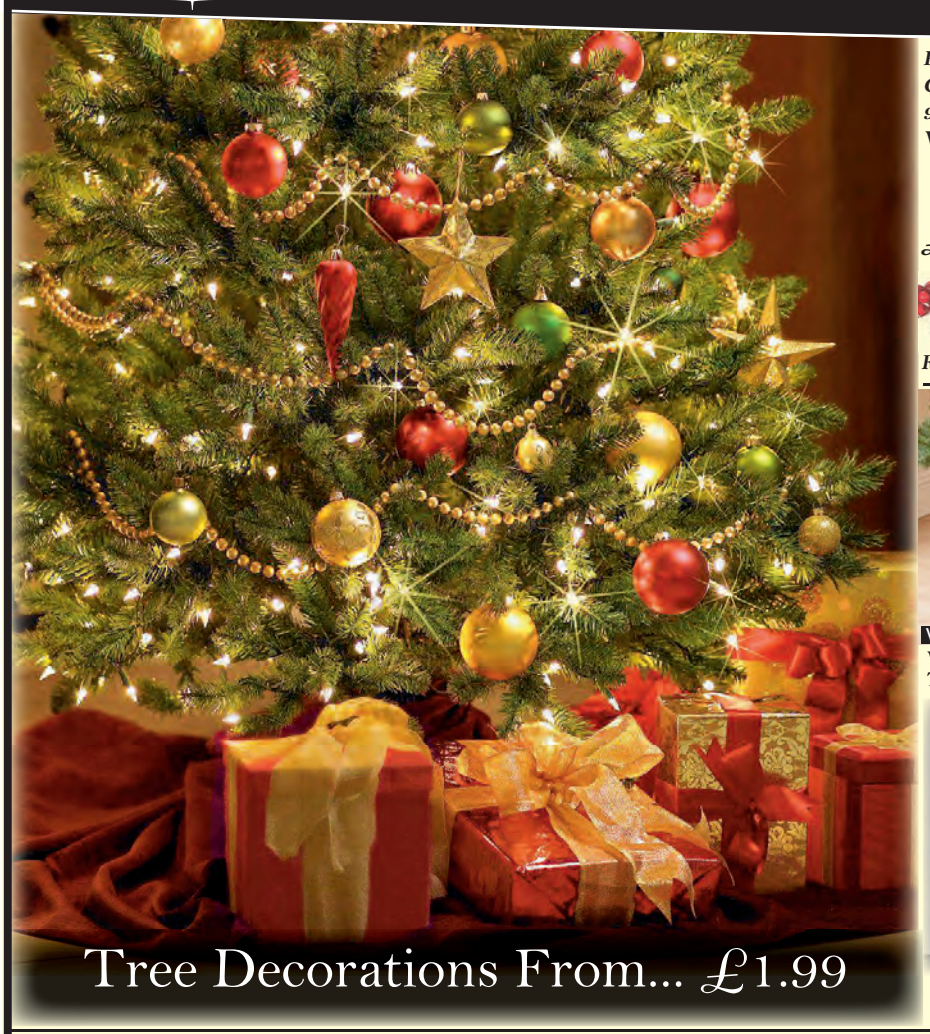

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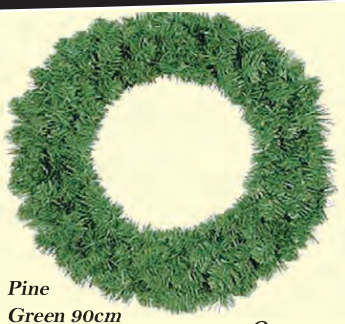

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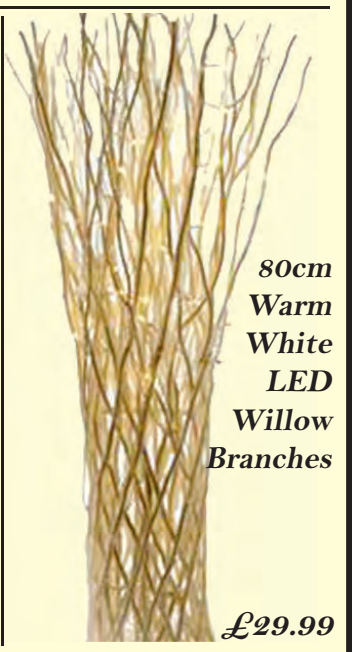

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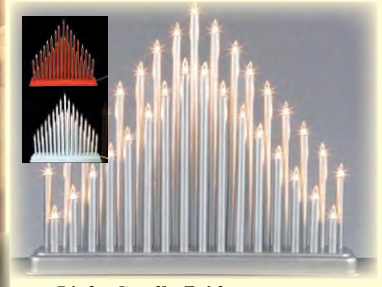

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WEEK COMMENCING 21st December 2015

USUAL COLLECTION DAY:	REVISED COLLECTION DAY:
Tuesday 22nd December	Monday 21st December
Wednesday 23rd December	Tuesday 22nd December
Thursday 24th December	Wednesday 23rd December
Friday 25th December	Thursday 24th December

NO COLLECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE Friday 25th December and there will be no green bin collections for the week above

WEEK COMMENCING 28th December 2015

USUAL COLLECTION DAY:	REVISED COLLECTION DAY:
Tuesday 29th December	Monday 28th December
Wednesday 30th December	Tuesday 29th December
Thursday 31st December	Wednesday 30th December
Friday 1st January 2016	Thursday 31st December

NO COLLECTIONS WILL TAKE PLACE Friday 1st January and there will be no green bin collections for the week above

Normal collections will resume 5th January 2016

Check collection dates and find information about refuse and recycling at www.westlancs.gov.uk/refuse

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MP unable to attend vote on air strikes after knee replacement op

ROSIE Cooper was unable to attend the parliamentary debate and vote on the issue of UK air strikes against ISIS in Syria last Wednesday (December 2) after undergoing knee replacement surgery.

In a statement to the Champion, the West Lancs MP explained: "I am aware from constituents' correspondence that there are strong opinions on both sides as to whether Britain should be involved in such military action in Syria. In the last few days, however, I have undergone knee replacement surgery.

"Having just been discharged from hospital this surgery will prevent me from attending Parliament for any vote on air strikes in Syria. The timing of the surgery has also prevented me from being part of the debate and discussions over the last week."

Still time to comment on council draft leisure strategy

RESIDENTS in West Lancashire are being reminded that there is still time to comment on the borough council's draft Leisure and Playing Pitch strategies.

These were approved for consultation at the council's meeting on October 21 and cover the period 2015–2025.

They encompass the council's built sports facilities, arts and ranger services, a community centre, play provision and playing pitches.

The draft strategies set out a proposed strategic direction for leisure and cultural services going forward and would replace the council's existing 2004 strategies.

They outline key aims and actions including establishing a project team to undertake the procurement of a new partnership arrangement from April 2020 when the current arrangement with West Lancashire Community Leisure Trust/Serco comes to an end.

This would include options for securing significant capital investment for the council's built sports provision, subject to the finances available, as follows:

- **Developing a new sports centre for Skelmersdale, to replace Nye Bevan Pool.**
- **Replacing Ormskirk's Park Pool.**
- **Refurbishing and/or enhancing the sports facilities at Burscough Racquets and Fitness Centre and Bank Sports Centre.**

Other key aims/actions include:

- **Addressing the under–provision of football pitches at youth and junior level.**
- **Supporting the development of linear parks and other cycle routes linking urban areas within the borough.**
- **Working with partners to expand the GP Referral Scheme and develop sports activities for young people to tackle childhood obesity.**
- **Providing enhancements to the Chapel Gallery and producing a commercial development plan which includes the scope to rent studio/display space.**

The consultation ends on Sunday, January 10. To see the strategies go to the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/more /your–views and click on the link 'Draft Leisure Strategy and draft Playing Pitch Strategy'.

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West Lancs in top five of region's eviction 'hotspots'

Report by **Henry James**

TENANTS of one in every 39 rented homes in West Lancashire are at risk of eviction, according to research by the housing and homelessness charity, Shelter.

The analysis, which uses Ministry of Justice figures, ranked the borough as fifth in a list of eviction 'hotspots' in the North West.

According to Shelter's findings one in every 53 rented households in the North West have been put at risk of losing their home.

And the charity is warning that a worrying combination of rapidly rising rents, drastic cuts to housing benefit and the chronic lack of genuinely affordable homes will leave thousands of families battling to keep a roof over their heads this Christmas.

The figures also show that about 10,700 renters in the region have already lost the fight to stay in their home and been evicted by county court bailiffs in the last year.

Now officials of the charity are making an urgent appeal for donations to its emergency appeal to help ensure no family has to face the trauma of losing their home.

Alison Mohammed, Shelter's director of services, said: "Each and every week, hundreds of people in the region receive a notice through the door with the devastating news that they might lose their home.

"We speak to parents every day who are desperately trying to keep a roof over their children's heads, but with rents soaring and housing support being slashed, many are finding themselves at breaking point. Already,

Shelter's Alison Mohammed

more than 1,100 children in the North West will wake up homeless and in temporary accommodation this Christmas, and tragically the situation looks set to get worse.

"Our advisers will be working non–stop over the festive period to support families at risk of losing their home – but sadly our helpline is receiving a huge number of calls and our services are straining under the demand.

"We desperately need more support from the public to help us be there for these families and make sure no–one has to fight homelessness on their own this Christmas."

Shelter's helpline is open all year round, including Christmas day, staffed by a team of experts offering free advice and support.

Charity for adults with learning difficulties awarded £3,900 grant

A CHARITY which provides work experience and training opportunities for adults with learning difficulties has been given a grant of almost £4,000 to cover renting office space and extra supplies.

Timesavers was set up in 2010 to provide an office administration service for voluntary sector organisations in West Lancashire to give work experience opportunities for people with learning disabilities who have found it difficult to find paid jobs or work placements in office administration.

Lancashire County Councillor Steven Holgate, the Champion for Disabled, has awarded them £3,600 to cover the cost of their office rent for three years, plus £300 for printer ink, paper and card.

Timesavers secretary and charity trustee, Edward McCarthy, said: "This will provide our charity with three years of security and also enable us to grow."

The Champion for the Disabled is allocated £10,000 per year for organising meetings and conferences and to give grants or loans to individuals, community groups and charities.

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Company's sponsorship support is 'tops' with young footballers!

THE owners of a local business are putting their shirts on a team of budding soccer stars!

SCA Hygiene Products Ltd. have presented Dynamo Rangers under–9s with £250 sponsorship to provide training tops for the 21–strong squad who play in the Skelmersdale Junior Football League.

Paul Shepherd, manager of the team which is based at the JMO Sports Park, said: "This is brilliant for us. Players' subscriptions can't pay for everything and we do a lot of fundraising as well but support like this makes all the difference."

And Mark Mannering, manager of the SCA Skelmersdale site in Pimbo Road, added: "We were very pleased to help out. The young players show great enthusiasm for the sport and we hope the new tops will spur them on with their training."

Site controller of SCA's Skelmersdale mill, Vicky Shearer presents the cheque to Dynamo Rangers under–9s manager, Paul Shepherd surrounded by members of the squad

Allotment plan recommended for approval

Officers' 'yes' to 35–plot scheme

Report by **Henry James**

AN application to create a 35–plot allotment site on a recreation field in Ashurst, Skelmersdale has been recommended for approval West Lancs Council officers.

The proposals, which have been submitted by the council, will be decided upon at the meeting of the planning committee scheduled for tomorrow night (Thursday, December 10).

It is proposed that the allotments would be created in an area of land to the south–west of Manfield on site about 0.7 hectares in size.

The main part of the site is west of the existing cycle/footpath, and there is another area, smaller in size, adjacent to 133 Manfield by the existing allotments.

The land is currently used for public recreational purposes.

To accommodate the allotments, a new road would be built across the footpath, which would act as an extension to the existing road. This would lead to a car park with space for 18 cars. There would also be space for a communal shed and one communal storage cabin.

To the south of the parking area would be the allotments and the proposals would see each plot have one garden shed.

To the west of the footpath there would be a 2.4m high perimeter fence, while adjacent to 133 Manfield, there will be a parking area for seven cars to serve the existing allotments.

Assistant director of planning at the borough council, John Harrison, has looked at the design of the proposal, the effect it will have on trees, what issues it will bring for highways and the impact it will have on residents nearby and biodiversity.

His findings are summarised in his report as follows: "In my view the proposed development is acceptable in principle. The design of the proposed scheme is considered satisfactory and the development will not have a significant impact on highway safety, the character or appearance of the area or on any protected species or habitats."

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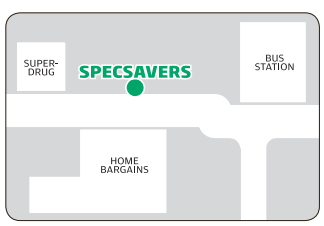

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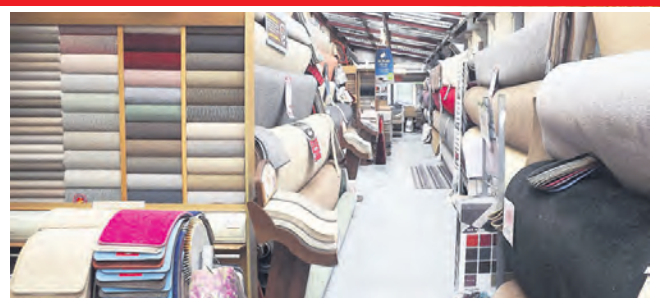

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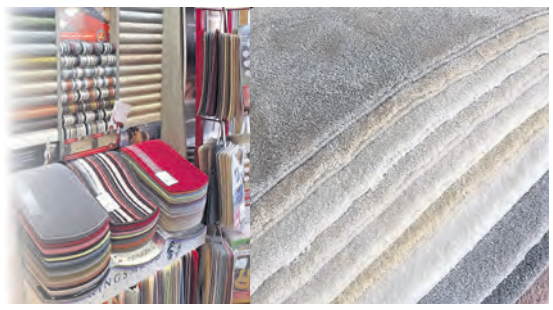

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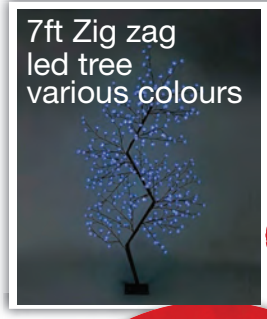

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Health supremo hands over keys to hospital's new facility

Jeremy Hunt (left) hands the keys to Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Trust chief executive Andrew Foster and project director Chris Knights

HEALTH Secretary Jeremy Hunt this week visited Wrightington Hospital, part of the Wrightington, Wigan & Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, to hand over the keys for a new state–of–the–art orthopaedic facility and hear about the trust's award–winning research function based there.

The trust is one of the 'early adopter' sites for the government's proposed seven–day services.

The new orthopaedic unit is due to open to patients on Monday, December 21.

Village Christmas Tree Festival date

THE Halsall Christmas Tree Festival will be held this weekend (Friday to Sunday, December 11–13).

There will be refreshments and a wide range of decorated trees to see from 2 to 5pm each day at the annual event at St Cuthbert's Church.

Entry is free but donations will be taken towards ongoing maintenance of the church.

Council urged to give electric vehicles a go

DERBY ward councillor Adrian Owens believes it's time for West Lancs Council to go electric!

The Our West Lancashire representative claims that buying electiric vehicles for some of its services would have a double benefit for the council by reducing both running costs and air pollution.

Councillor Owens said: "We have installed a charge point at the council offices in Ormskirk yet strangely the council doesn't have any current plans to purchase electric or hybrid vehicles. Clearly these vehicles aren't suitable in every role, however, sales of electric cars have increased ten–fold in less than two years and their lower running costs would help a cash–strapped council and they would be suitable for short journeys made by some officers.

"Surely it's time to give them a try when the next suitable vehicle renewal falls due."

Cllr. Owens also highlighted environmental benefits, adding: "We have air pollution issues in parts of the borough and the council as a community leader should be piloting the use of these vehicles because of the positive contribution they could make to air quality."

The council though has confirmed there are no plans to purchase electric vehicles at present.

A spokeswoman for the authority said: "An electric car charging point was installed by the council on the car park at its Derby Street offices in Ormskirk to encourage the use of electric vehicles by the general public. Locating charging units in public car parks will further encourage people who buy electric vehicles to visit the borough as they will be confident they can charge their vehicles when they come here.

"While electric vehicles are not widely used at the current time, the infrastructure to enable this move has to be in place first, which is the overall aim of the installations.

"The council currently has no plans to buy any electric vehicles as its current fleet of vehicles is sufficient to carry out its services and it does not need any replacement vehicles at this time. When the time does come to renew vehicles, the council will consider all options for replacements.

"The vast majority of vehicles used by staff for business use are their own private cars.

"The council regularly reviews air quality and has an action plan in place to deal with any areas of concern that may arise."

• AN avid young reader has struck gold on the Lancashire Reading Trail at Skelmersdale Library.

Callum Flood, a pupil at Lordsgate Township CE Primary School, Burscough, was presented with a gold certificate by staff at the library in Southway staff after reading 50 books.

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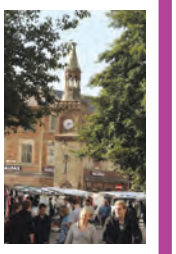
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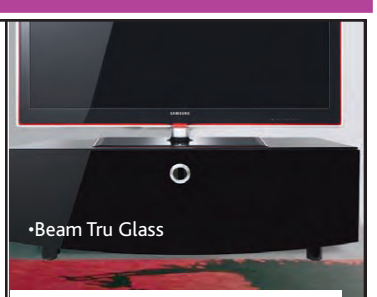
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Former chief constable joins charity's board of trustees

A FORMER chief constable of Lancashire Constabulary – and the first woman to hold the post – has been appointed as the chair of the board of trustees at The Legacy Rainbow House in Mawdesley.

Pauline Clare CBE joins the board of the charity, which offers rehabilitation and education for children and young adults with neurological conditions, as it looks to develop its services following the opening of a new, purpose–built facility, the Rainbow House Hub last month.

The charity offers rehabilitation and education services for children young people and adults with neurological conditions including cerebral palsy, brain injury and genetic conditions

Pauline, who left the force in 2002, said: "I'm really looking forward to helping the charity develop and to working with the other trustees to make this happen."

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Have a say on police precept

LANCASHIRE'S police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw is again asking residents to tell him how much they would be prepared to pay to bolster the force.

Mr Grunshaw has launched the latest phase of his consultation on the council tax precept and is encouraging residents to have their say responding to a survey on his website or on leaflets available from libraries and town halls across the county.

He said: "Most of the money to pay for the police comes from central government but around a quarter comes from council tax.

"The government has continued to reduce the amount it gives us towards policing and residents have generously supported a small increase in funding of around 6p per week (for a band D household) for the last two years.

"That may seem like a very small amount but a 2% increase will actually raise £1.3m and will help safeguard the equivalent of 28 police officers or 40 police and community support officers next year."

The commissioner said that despite the government announcing that the police budget nationally had been frozen for the next few years, Lancashire was still facing cuts to the level of funding it received to fund policing locally.

Impacted

He said: "Although the government announced a freeze to police funding in its comprehensive spending review last month, this doesn't mean our force budget is frozen or protected.

"The 'freeze' depends on increases in council tax for all areas around the country. In addition, investment in firearms units and counter–terrorism nationally will come from the overall budget. This means we will receive less in Lancashire over the course of the next few years to provide our local policing services.

"We have saved or identified £74m of savings so far, and this has impacted on officer numbers which by 2017 will have reduced by 900, with 700 police staff roles lost too. When more than 80% of the money the force spends is on staff, then it is somewhat inevitable that the workforce will need to reduce to save costs.

"What an increase in council tax of around 2% will do is maintain a number of roles that would otherwise be lost.

"I want everyone to have their say, so I am urging people to share the survey on their social media feeds with friends and family members who live in Lancashire.

"In order to ensure we get a representative sample of opinions we also undertake market research polling 100 people in each of our 14 district areas asking them the same questions. This is an approved technique that ensures we get a true picture of the opinions of Lancashire people."

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Carols at the inn brought back memories of Christmas past

I HAVE decided that Christmas, for me, started last night.

Yes, 'festive goods' have been in the shops for many weeks and I suffered a very soggy and extremely windy Christmas lights switch–on (it took two days to dry out my not–quite–rainproof rain coat).

And of course I have been bombarded in various magazines about the plethora of Christmas goodies I too could cook up.

The trouble with most of those, for me at least and I suspect most folk living alone and cooking for one (if you discount the dogs) is that these recipes seem always to include a number of esoteric items for which I have no normal use and which bump up the cost just for most of whatever it is to end up in the recycle bin.

Until yesterday, though, there was precious little of what I like to think of at Christmas. And then, I went down to the historic Scotch Piper pub on the edge of Lydiate, where local people had organised a 'Carols at the Inn' celebration.

No amplifiers, no booming commentary, just the Maghull Handbell Ringers (who did the gig for free) a perfect setting and dozens of ordinary local people with their children (and dogs!) out to celebrate Noel by singing traditional Christmas carols with food and drink available and people you could hear to talk to.

Perfect!

And it brought back memories of Christmas Past too.

It's funny, but my specific Christmas memories are not of big events or presents, but small things that, for one reason or another brought Christmas home to me.

Like one rather dank evening shortly before Christmas Day when as a teenage schoolboy I got to Linacre Lane in Bootle on what was probably the last day of term from school in Crosby and I had to wait for a bus to get me to Aintree and then another to my home in Maghull.

I remember letting myself into the house where my senses were overwhelmed by the dual aromas of goose giblets being cooked up to provide the base for gravy (and a treat for whatever dog we had at the time) and mince pies baking.

Now my mum was not a very good cook – unless you wanted it boiled, fried or roasted – but she excelled at pastry and the promise of freshly–baked mince pies was irresistible.

Or the Christmas when I drove to Crosby to wish a friend a seasonal greetings on Christmas morning – the only one, incidentally, that I can recall when there was genuine thick snow on the ground – and I asked, not expecting to be taken up on it, if he would like to join us for our festive feast.

His mum and dad were quite happy with the suggestion, so off we set. Back home we found an extra dining chair from somewhere and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

Now, this will be my third Christmas alone with Tina and Cinders and I doubt it will go down in the annals as one of the most memorable. In fact, I would prefer it to be a quiet affair – though with happy little Cinders about that is perhaps unlikely.

But with a few more seasonal events like 'Carols at the Inn' hopefully to look forward to, at least I will try, as Dickens would have it, to keep Christmas in my heart (as well as my stomach).

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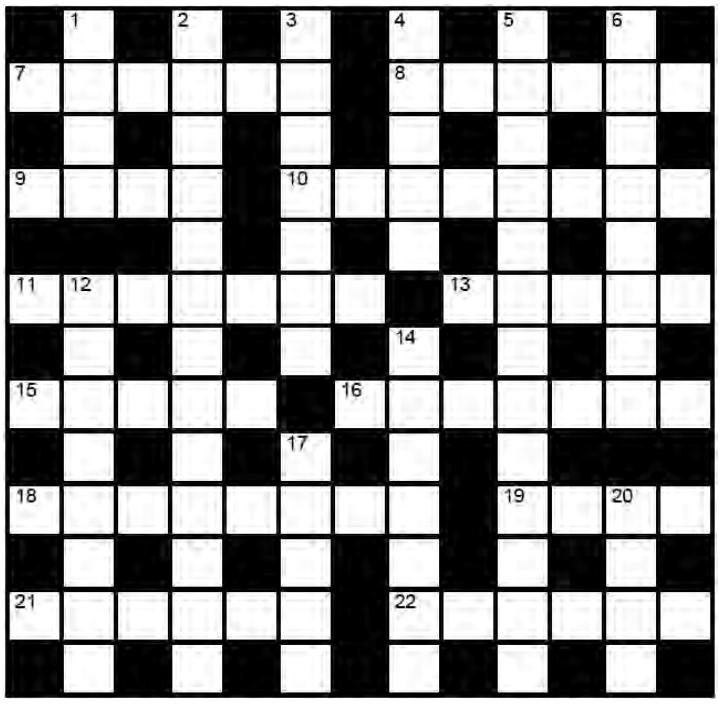

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Bank staff go back to nature

The Santander staff at Gorse Hill Nature Reserve

A GROUP of bank employees swapped the office for the outdoors when they volunteered to help build a pathway at a West Lancs woodlands.

The eight–strong team, from Santander's Bootle branch, got 'stuck in' with rakes and shovels to create a path for the public at the Gorse Hill Nature Reserve in Aughton.

Now thanks to their efforts – part of the bank's Community Days scheme – visitors to the reserve can enjoy some spectacular views of Gorse Hill's meadows and woodlands.

Sean Rabbitte, relationship manager at Santander corporate and commercial in Bootle, said: "It felt great being able to give something back to our community. We chose Gorse Hill as it relies solely on support from volunteers so we knew we could make a difference and ensure that locals are able to enjoy the scenery. Overall it was a great experience and a hugely rewarding day for everyone involved."

Chris Sandison, treasurer at the reserve, added: "Gorse Hill has been developed solely through the efforts of volunteers and with the support of its members and grant–makers, so we welcomed the offer of support from Santander.

"The team enjoyed their day and their enthusiasm was evident throughout so we would like to extend our thanks to the Santander corporate and commercial risk team for their hard work. There are always things to do around the reserve and we would definitely welcome the support of Santander in the future."

Mayor opens new pet store at garden centre

THE Mayor of West Lancashire officially opened a new business in Lathom.

Councillor Nikki Hennessy cut the ribbon to open Lathom Pets and Aquatics within the Warbreck Garden Centre on Lyelake Lane.

The business is owned by partners Susannah Sams, who lives in Burscough, and Katherine Broxholme who is originally from Skelmersdale.

Katherine, 23, has a BSc (Hons) in animal welfare, while 29–year–old Susannah has six years' experience of working in an aquatics shop.

The public enjoyed glasses of bubbly and an aquarium–themed cake at the launch, while children enjoyed activities including face–painting and pet–handling.

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Group's gift to hospital

OFFICIALS of the Southport and West Lancashire Breathe Easy group have made a presentation of four nebulisers to Ward 9b at Southport Hospital.

The presentation was made at the group's annual general meeting at their base, the Girl Guide HQ in Green Lane, Ormskirk.

Group spokesperson, Patricia Ireland, said: "This donation illustrates how we use the funds we raise on equipment and services in Southport and West Lancashire, as well as making an annual contribution to the British Lung Foundation and disseminating information on respiratory disease in both our areas."

Pictured: • Chair of Southport and West Lancashire Breathe Easy group, Harry Thacker (left) presents one of the nebulisers to ward sister Brenda Lovett, watched by group treasurer, John Kitson.

Council featured on list of Living Wage employers

WEST Lancashire Borough council is included in the GMB list of names of local authority employers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland paying a living wage of £8.25 per hour.

Last month the Living Wage Foundation announced that the 'living wage' should be raised by 40p per hour from £7.85 per hour to £8.25 across the UK.

Both figures are well above the current national minimum wage of £6.70 an hour and the Chancellor George Osborne's planned new National Living Wage of £7.20 for adults from next April, rising to £9 per hour by 2020.

Justin Bowden, GMB national officer for local authority workers, said: "The GMB supports the work of the Living Wage Foundation to raise wages and we will continue to make strong representation to all councils across the UK to make work pay."

A spokesman for West Lancs Council said: "The council pays a Living Wage supplement to its lowest paid staff in order to bring their earnings up to this threshold level. The supplement is reviewed annually after the Foundation's Living Wage rate is determined.

"The council first implemented the supplement on January 1, 2014 and the second year revision became effective from January 1, 2015.

"The Living Wage Foundation advises that the new rates should be implemented as soon as possible and within six months of the annual announcement. The revised rate was announced in the first week of November 2015."

Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, added: "The council prides itself on being a good employer and this year I will be asking council to introduce the updated supplement in line with the Living Wage Foundation's recommendation back–dated to December 1, 2015."

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Police chief says phone scheme will put more bobbies on the streets

A SCHEME which has seen more than 2,000 front–line police officers equipped with smartphones will also see more officers on the streets – according to Lancashire's police and crime commissioner, Clive Grunshaw.

The force–wide roll–out of the scheme follows a pilot project featuring 40 officers pioneering mobile technology.

Mr Grunshaw has funded the investment from an earmarked reserves budget set aside to ensure that officers are better equipped and he said that as a result of the scheme, uniform officers are now out on the beat for longer as they can access files they need on their Samsung Galaxy Note 4 devices without having to return to base.

The mobile devices are part of a £10m overhaul of IT infrastructure across the force designed to meet national requirements, improve security and streamline the number of platforms the force currently uses.

They run on EE's 4G network and are loaded with special policing apps allowing officers to read live crime reports, take witness statements electronically and access the Police National Computer to run checks. They are also able to post directly on to the constabulary's–plus social media accounts to make instant appeals for help or to engage directly with the public on local policing issues.

Mr Grunshaw said: "The phones work just as any other mobile but with the additional apps and folders needed to make them more effective in the job and to ultimately give officers more time on the streets of Lancashire.

"They will also improve the way people can get in touch with their local policing. Being more mobile means residents will see officers and PCSOs doing their work in the community, where members of the public can interact with them."

Clive Grunshaw with smartphone project lead, Inspector Dave Hannan

Lancashire's assistant chief constable, Mark Bates, added: "Officers will be able to offer greater visibility and ultimately a better service to victims of crime, particularly as they will now be able to contact their officer direct via email, text or mobile."

Training on the devices has been underway since September.

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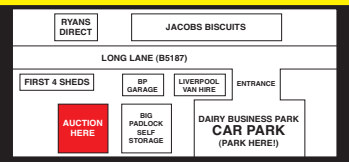

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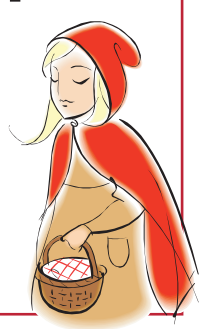

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Security warning to businesses ahead of busy festive period

COUNTY police chiefs are reminding business owners to keep their property and money safe this Christmas ahead of an increase in takings.

Officers have been providing crime prevention advice to banks, jewellers and post offices before the festive period as part of a regional campaign to reduce the risk of robberies and thefts.

The move is part of Operation Vault, with police carrying out operations throughout December to prevent such crimes across the county.

Supintendent Simon Giles, of Lancashire Police's South Division, said: "In the run–up to the festive period many businesses enjoy an increase in takings and we want to ensure that it is the business that benefits from this financial boost rather than a burglar or robber who may seek to take this as an opportunity for unlawful gain.

"We want to raise awareness of such crimes to encourage businesses to take crime prevention steps to avoid becoming a victim."

Business owners are being advised to:

• Ensure that any intruder and panic alarms are fully operational and subject to an immediate police response in case of activation.

• Be extra vigilant during cash or stock deliveries/collections and make all your staff aware of the added risks at this time of year.

• Be mindful of suspicious activity on your premises during opening hours. For example, individuals who are inside but don't appear to be using any services/buying anything. They may be observing the layout of the premises or checking stock/cash delivery times.

• If you have a CCTV system, ensure that it is operational and that cameras are recording images from appropriate areas.

• Ensure that money is stored appropriately in a safe or other secure area.

• When visiting the bank with cash, vary your habits, for example, day, time and route; and consider how much you carry and where possible attend the bank in twos.

• Do not cash up until the premises are empty and known to be secure.

• Consider your 'lock down' procedures at the close of business to ensure that premises have been completely emptied and that no external doors or windows have been accidentally or intentionally left open.

• Report any suspicious activity to the police.

Supt. Giles added: "Police patrols will routinely be deployed across the county to monitor cash deliveries and collections and, if local businesses want the support of the police, they should let us know."

As part of Operation Vault units will be made available on strategic routes, including local hot spots and vulnerable areas, with locations to be decided week by week based on risk and threat assessments from community intelligence. Armed response vehicles and road policing units will be used where necessary working with neighbouring forces to identify emerging threats and respond accordingly.

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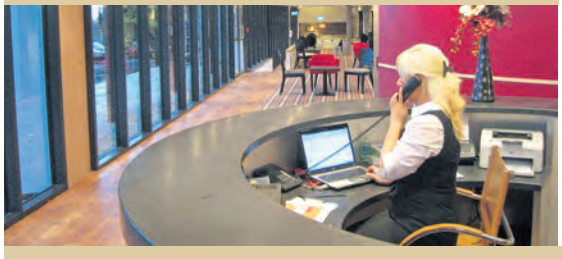

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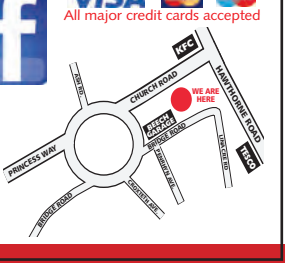

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Win family tickets to see Dick Whittington at Empire

FORMER Coronation Street star Sally Lindsay has never performed in a pantomime before but that's all about to change as she's starring in Dick Whittington this Christmas at the Liverpool Empire – and The Champion has three family tickets to give away for the show.

This year's exciting all–star cast also includes Radio City's Leanne Campbell as Alice Fitzwarren, Pete Price as Alderman Fitzwarren, Eric Potts (Coronation Street) as Sarah the Cook and Kurtis Stacey (Emmerdale) as Dick Whittington.

They will be joined by Warren Donnelly (Shameless) who makes a welcome return to the Empire this Christmas to play the villainous King Rat after appearing as Abanazar in Aladdin last year.

Sally, who will play the magical Fairy Fazakerly in this year's production, is best known as Corrie barmaid Shelley Unwin and Lisa in Sky Living drama Mount Pleasant. Sally more recently appeared on screens in the critically acclaimed drama Ordinary Lies.

Sally said: "I'm nervous but excited about being in my very first pantomime. The Liverpool Empire is one of the most beautiful theatres in the country and I can't wait to be sprinkling some fairy magic there this Christmas. We've got a really strong cast, some of them I've worked with before, and I know Liverpool audiences are always up for a laugh so it's going to be a great show. I'm really looking forward to the panto season!"

Eric Potts, also known as Coronation Street Baker Diggery Compton, will delight audiences as the hilarious dame, Sarah the Cook. Although it's the first time Eric will perform in a pantomime here at the Empire, he is certainly no stranger to the tradition having spent the last 16 seasons appearing in pantomimes. Eric is currently writing scripts for First Family pantomimes up and down the country including this one.

The cast of Dick Whittington Code NA

Eric said: "I love writing panto scripts. Pantomime is very often a child's first visit to the theatre and it's great that I get the chance to create an experience that they love and want to repeat. I love the great British tradition of pantomime and am honoured to be a small part of that history."

Dick Whittington is the tale of rags–to–riches, telling the story of an adventurous young man who sets off to seek his fortune on an adventure to London. But, things don't go exactly to plan and Dick must take on the evil King Rat in his quest to win Alice.

This year's pantomime is produced by First Family Entertainment, who are no strangers to the Liverpool Empire having produced previous panto extravaganzas Cinderella, Peter Pan and Aladdin. Dick Whittington comes to the Liverpool Empire from this Saturday (December 12) until Sunday, January 3.

• To be in with a chance of winning the tickets, answer the following question – Which former Coronation Street star is appearing in Dick Whittington at the Liverpool Empire? Answers to henry.james@champnews.com by this Friday (December 11) at 12pm. The tickets can be used from December 12–22 inclusive.

Jim Archer with some of the members of Cantique Chamber Choir who entertained shoppers at Warbreck Garden Centre last Sunday afternoon Code NA

Singers entertain shoppers at Warbreck

CANTIQUE'S Christmas Carol repertoire entertained shoppers at Warbreck Garden Centre, Lathom, last Sunday afternoon.

Jim Archer, conductor and founder member, invited the audience to suggest their favourite carol for the choir to sing.

He said: "It was a wonderful atmosphere and I would like to thank all those who kindly donated money to our nominated charity, The Deaf Society."

This Sunday (December 13) Cantique have been invited to perform again at Tatton Hall as part of their annual Christmas Festivities. This year each stateroom features an interpretation of a traditional Christmas carol. Cantique will perform throughout the day starting at 11am.

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It's panto time again at town's theatre

IT'S panto time at Southport Theatre this month.

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Imagine Theatre are back producing panto in Southport for the second year following the huge success of Sleeping Beauty last year.

Once again the show will be written by the BAFTA Award winning team of Iain Lauchlan and Will Brenton.

Heartbeat's David Lonsdale is donning a dress to play the glamorous laundry owner Widow Twankey and the popular Radio City presenter Claire Simmo is playing the magical Spirit of the Ring. They are joined by former Coronation Street star Scott Wright as the devilish Abanazar alongside ex–Brookside actress Ann Marie Davies as So Shi.

In addition Laura Robson is back by popular demand to play the title role of Aladdin, having made her Southport panto debut as Prince Valiant last year.

Aladdin runs from this Friday (December 11) to Saturday, January 2 2016, ww.atgtickets.com/southport

Robin Hood follows his arrows to Civic Hall

Review by **Jenny Robson**

• Robin Hood and Babes in the Wood
• Ormskirk Pleasure Folk
• Ormskirk Civic Hall

THAT wonderful legend who robbed the rich to distribute to the poor left Nottingham to follow his arrows to Ormsksirk Civic Hall last week in a lively, traditional family pantomime which gave Liz Wainwright her panto directorial debut.

It was a highly colourful production with MD Nancy Wells leading her team through some memorable songs. The choreography was delightful with a lovely dance by Fern the Forest Fairy (Anita Hutson) opening Act Two. The adults and children of the chorus backed up the strong cast. Daisy (Emily Parker) and Maisy (Bronte Geldart) were sweet additions to the chorus.

Robin and Marion (Georgiana Benbow and Ruby Joelson White) had perfect singing voices for their parts and Mistress Myrtle (Jim Briscoe) was very funny in his outrageously–bedecked dame costumes.

The boos were aimed at Sheriff Badlot (Steve Rutter) and his henchman, Zit (Steve Coghlan).

Robin's merry men were Big Mac (Ian Lawson), Little Joan (Michelle Hopwood) and Will Shocking–Pink (David Walters). Steph Parker was charming as Clod with her dog, Carpenter (Georgie Hopwood).

The babes – John and Mary (Harry Geldart and Millie Pendleton) – proved very brave when they were left alone in the forest by the evil Sheriff and Zit. Their father, King Richard (Kevin Bridge) was relieved when Robin (well, who else?) and friends saved his children from harm.

I didn't approve of the slap on the backside with a ruler in the schoolroom scene (not allowed now!) and the many references to hanging for the ne'er–do–wells were inappropriate for young audiences.

Apart from this it was a very enjoyable evening. Score: 7/10

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Maureen

The family of the late Maureen would sincerely like to thank everyone who attended Mum's amazing service. Grateful thanks to Fr Mike, Fr Atli and Fr Tom for the wonderful service at St Francis of Assisi and Paul Rowan for his memorable service at St Helens Crematorium.

To Margaret, Tracey and all the staff at Hillcroft Nursing Home, Aughton, thank you, you helped us so much.

To Angela and the staff at Birchgreen Care Home who gave our Mum the best palliative care we could have wished for her, you were awesome, God bless you all.

To Dr Sur and all his staff for their attention to our mum over the last 3 years.

Finally our thanks to Margaret Whitelam, Linda Brophy and the staff at Skelmersdale Funeral services.

Thanks to everyone for all the cards, prayers, love and donations to the Alzheimers Association of £667.40

We are so blessed to have you all in our lives.

THANK YOU.
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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

TRAVIS
James Gordon
60
on 12th December

Instead of a card,
I send my love,
instead of a gift,
a prayer,
to the one
I thought the
world of,
and miss
beyond compare.
From your
loving wife Elaine
XX

Tears instead of wishes,
flowers instead
of cards,
you left us precious
memories, that will
stay within our hearts.
Happy birthday Dad,
love and miss you.
Love from Sarah,
Katherine, Paula & Pete
XX

Happy birthday
Grandad,
from the
Magnificent Seven.
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Sally, Poppy, Paige
and Travis
XX
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BIRTHDAY MEMORIAMS

TAYLOR
SIMON JAMES

8th December 1964

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PRAYER

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Never known to fail.

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, faithful Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in this necessity, O Star of the Sea, help me and show me herein you are my Mother, O Holy Mary Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succour me in my necessity.

(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine. **P.B.D.**

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. 45199

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DEATHS

GEORGE THIERENS
'The Gate Man'

30th November 2015

Suddenly at home, aged 68

Dearly loved and devoted husband of Lilian.
Cherished Dad of Michelle, Melanie and Richard.
Father-in-law to Jonathan, Jason and Terri.
Beloved Grandad to Jordan and Joshua;
Tayla, Kacie and Baiyly; George and Riley;
Courtney, Nicole and Tamzyn.
Auntie Marie's 'Little Georgie'

Loved so very much and greatly missed by all his family, friends and all who knew him.

Funeral service and committal will take place at Southport Crematorium on Friday 11th December at 3.20pm. Further enquiries to Moisters Funeral Directors, Marshside Road, Churchtown 01704 227430.
Family flowers only please.

Anybody wishing to raise a glass to George is welcome to the Hesketh Arms, Churchtown.

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DEATHS

WAREING
DORIS

With sadness we announce the death of Doris Wareing.

A funeral service took place at Southport Crematorium on Wednesday 9th December at 3.20pm.

Doris will be missed by staff at The Glen Rest Home and by her friend Betty.

All enquiries to Hunters Funeral Directors 128B Burscough Street, Ormskirk. Tel: 01695 572 997

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DEATHS

PLANT
Joan
R.I.P.

Friday 4th December 2015

Aged 79 years

Much loved mum of Anthony and Maureen, adored grandma of Aimee and Lucas, Joan will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Mass at St John's Stone Catholic Parish Church, Woodvale on Wednesday 16th December at 12:00 noon followed by committal at Southport crematorium. Flowers are being gratefully received in lieu of flowers for Jospice. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 82 Station Road, Ainsdale. Telephone 01704 577786.

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DEATHS

DOYLE
June

5th December 2015

Peacefully in Australia surrounded by loving family, aged 69 years

Loving wife to Arthur, devoted mum to Anthony, Tracey and Julie. Much loved nan to all her grandchildren.

Cherished by her family and friends.

Forever in our hearts

Goodnight, sleep tight.

Funeral Perth, Australia

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DEATHS

ROBERTS
Roy

3rd December 2015

Peacefully aged 73 years

Much loved dad, grandad, brother and uncle. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. Funeral service will take place at St Helens Crematorium on Monday 14th December at 10.30am. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Birch Green Care Home. All enquiries, Margaret Whitelam, Skelmersdale Funeral Service, 29/31 Sandy Lane, Tel: 01695 559868

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DEATHS

GOLDSTEIN
ARTHUR

On 3rd December 2015

Peacefully with his devoted wife Joan by his side. Aged 75 years.

Much loved husband, dad and grandad. Will be sadly missed by all his family and friends. You left us lots of happy memories. Funeral service will take place at St. Pauls Church on Thursday 10th December at 11.00am followed by interment at Greenacres Woodland Burials Rainford. Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for St. Pauls Church. All enquiries Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane. Tel: 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

BRAMWELL
Vera

24th November 2015

Aged 86 years

Dearly loved wife of the late Reg, much loved mum of Vilma, devoted nan of George and Kate, greatly missed by all family and friends. Donations are being gratefully received for Cancer Research UK. All funeral enquiries and donations to Howard's Funeral Directors, 19a Banastre Road, Southport, PR8 5AW. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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DEATHS

McMANUS
Karen Rose

November 25th 2015

Peacefully at St Josephs Hospice Aged 68 years

Sadly missed by her daughters Lisa, Julie & Susan, son's in law Andrew & Dylan, grandchildren Kelsey, James, Ethan, Ruby & Tilly.

Always in our hearts.
Good night.
Sleep tight xxx

All enquiries, flowers or donations to St Josephs Hospice can be sent to c/o H-Leslie Humphreys. 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE. Tel 0151 924 4805

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IN MEMORIAM

MCKENDRICK
Bridie

11th December 2014

Fond memories

Miss you

Barbara and Chris

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HOWARD
Brenda

14th December
IN MEMORY

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(TAYLOR STREET, SKELMERSDALE, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycles from proceeding over the full length of Taylor Street, Skelmerdale, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure is as follows

No diversion – Cul De Sac.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable carriageway and footway resurfacing works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0800 hours until 1600 hours on Monday 7th December 2015 until Friday 11th December 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/892/HD]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BRIDGE STREET, ORMSKIRK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015
(TEMPORARY AMENDMENT) ORDER 2015

The Lancashire County Council ("the County Council") in exercise of its powers under **Section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, (the Act), and of all other enabling powers,

HEREBY makes the following Order:-

The Lancashire County Council (Bridge Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2015, is hereby temporarily amended in that:

i. To amend Article 1 as follows:
No person shall cause any motor vehicle, or cycle to proceed over that length of Bridge Street from its junction with Moorgate to a point 10 metres south east of the Bridge Street, Railway Bridge, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

This Temporary Amendment Order shall come into operation on Monday 7th December 2015 and may be cited as **"The Lancashire County Council (Bridge Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire Borough) (Temporary Prohibition Of Through Traffic) Order 2015 (Temporary Amendment) Order 2015"**

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: 15/1016/ARH]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(BESCAR LANE, SCARISBIRCK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycles from proceeding over that length of Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick from 20 meters either side of the level crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure is as follows

No Diversion Available.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable bridge works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0001 hours until 0530 hours on Wednesday 16th December 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/898/HD]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(POOL HEY LANE, SCARISBIRCK, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycles from proceeding over that length of Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick from 20 meters either side of the level crossing, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure is as follows

Pool Hey Lane – Wyke Road – Wyke Cop Road – Snape Green – A570 Southport Road – Pool Hey Lane and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable bridge works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0001 hours until 0530 hours on Tuesday 15th December 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/897/HD]

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THE LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(PRESCOT ROAD, AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lancashire County Council intend to make an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit any motor vehicle or cycles from proceeding over that length of Prescot Road, Aughton from a point outside 232 for a distance of 30 meters heading in a northerly direction, in the Borough of West Lancashire.

An alternative route for vehicles affected by the closure is as follows

B5197 Prescot Road – Moss Delph Lane – A59 Northway – A59 Liverpool Road – Long Lane – Parrs Lane – B5197 Prescot Road – Town Green Lane – Winifred Lane A59 Northway and vice versa.

The temporary prohibition is necessary to enable utility works to be carried out.

The prohibition will be operative from 0830 hours until 1530 hours on Sunday 13th December 2015, or until completion of the works within this period.

Authority given for this Order to be made:

Laura Padden, Highway Regulation and Inspection Manager
Lancashire Highway Services, 0300 123 6701

[Ref: HRiT/893/HD]

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DENNIS RICHARD TRAFFORD (otherwise Mr Dennis Trafford) (Deceased)

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(VARIOUS ROADS, WRIGHTINGTON, BANKS, SIMONSWOOD AND AUGHTON, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH)
(REVOCATION AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2015

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 8th day of December 2015 Lancashire County Council made the above Traffic Regulation Order under Section 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended, the effect of which will be to:

1. Revoke the whole of The County Council of Lancashire (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (No. 1) Order 1967.
2. Revoke the whole of The Lancashire County Council (A5209 Hall Lane/Crow Orchard Road, B5250 Mossy Lea Road and Moss Lane, Wrightington, West Lancashire District) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 1997.
3. Revoke the whole of the Lancashire County Council (B5250 Mossy Lea Road, Hunger Hill/Mossy Lea/Wrightington Bar, West Lancashire District) (Revocation and Restricted Road) Order 2001.
4. Revoke the whole of the Lancashire County Council (40 m.p.h.Speed Limit) (No. 1) Order 1981.

5. Introduce a 40 mph speed limit in the following lengths of road in the Borough of West Lancashire:
a) Mossy Lea Road, Wrightington, from the junction with the A5209 Crow Orchard Road to a point 14 metres north of the centreline of Boundary Lane.
b) A5209 Hall Lane and Crow Orchard Road, Wrightington, from a point 175 metres west of the centreline of Glenside to the county boundary with Wigan Metropolitan Borough Council at the easterly side of the roundabout; junction with the M6 motorway.
c) Moss Lane, Wrightington, from its junction with the A5209, for a distance of 60 metres in a north westerly direction.
d) Cut Lane, Aughton, from its junction with narrow lane for a distance of approximately 135 metres.
e) Shepherds Lane, Aughton, from its junction with narrow Lane for a distance of approximately 60 metres.
f) Mill Lane Aughton, the entire length.
g) Stopgate Lane, Simonswood, the entire length.
h) Sineacre Lane, Simonswood, from its junction with Stopgate Lane to a point 50 metres south of Moss Lane.
i) Ralph's Wife's Lane, Banks, from a point 440 metres east of the Merseyside County Boundary, to a point 840 metres east of the County Boundary.
The above speed limit will remove the existing National Speed Limit status from these roads.

This Order will come into force on the 14th December 2015. A copy of the Order, and all other relevant documents may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of West Lancashire, P O Box 16, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk L39 2DF, and at the offices of The Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services, Lancashire County Council, County Hall, PO Box 78, Preston PR1 8XJ, quoting ref: LSG4/5.52089/RH3

Ian Young, Director of Governance, Finance and Public Services
9th December 2015

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West Lancashire Borough Council
Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/1197/FUL Single storey extensions and internal alterations to form dementia unit at Springfield Court Nursing Home, Springfield Road, Aughton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/1217/FUL New undercover leisure facility (Use Class D2) at Farmer Teds Farm Park, Worrall House Farm, Flatmans Lane, Downholland.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/1232/FUL Replacement windows to front elevation at 44 Southport Road, Ormskirk.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
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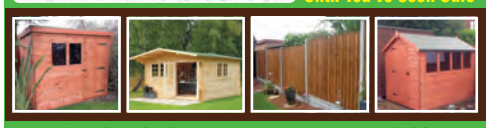
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The real answer to Britain's speed debate

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IT'S ironic that 50 years after the national speed limit was introduced spy shots have emerged online of what's likely to be the world's fastest production car.

The Bugatti Chiron – bet on it being one of the stars at next March's Geneva motor show – will pick up where the Veyron left off by going even faster. Which means 267mph – more than twice what a Fiesta EcoBoost will do and nearly four times of our motorway limit – is its starting point.

This is the point where you're probably about to ask the question I get punted at least four times a year – why, if we're only allowed to do 70mph, are cars like the Chiron even allowed to exist?

I've no clever answer other than to point out that all manner of devices capable of causing chaos if they're misused – kitchen knives, angle grinders, Porsche 911s and so on – are used on a daily basis by reasonable people capable of using them without getting carried away. The Chiron has as much right to trundle up the A59 as your grandad's Triumph Herald does.

So you're allowed to drive it – but using it as an instrument of driving enjoyment in Cameron's Britain is a bit like hiring U2 to do the entertainment at your mate's birthday. Spectacular, but a bit much.

Anyone who really appreciates driving will know powering along a straight isn't the fun bit – it's the corners, where light weight, supple suspension and talkative steering count for far more than simply going fast. Which is why the Fiat 124 Spider has me far more excited than anything Bugatti can come up with.

For starters it's good to see Fiat's finally realised it can make models that don't crib off the 500 – having made its city car into a seven–seater MPV, I was half–expecting a Fiat 500–based amphibious fire engine rather than a sports car. It's also based on the Mazda MX–5 so the 124 Spider should be a corker to drive, and with styling that's a bit more chic than the Japanese car.

Doing a million miles an hour isn't the point – the Fiat 124 Spider is supposed to be fun doing entirely legal speeds, which has got to be a good thing for a nation obsessed with speed cameras.

The Fiat 124 Spider is all about real world thrills.

I've no problem with stealth bombers on wheels being used (sensibly) on Her Majesty's highways – but I'd have a 124 Spider, money no object, over a Chiron any day.

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Book in at Vauxhall's Tyre Hotel

As cold weather grips the nation, a local Vauxhall retailer is making it simple for Vauxhall owners to make the switch to safer winter tyres with the opening of its Tyre Hotel.

Ensuring that summer tyres are kept in tip top condition, they will be treated to a valet on arrival and regularly rotated to prevent warping. Each tyre will be properly labelled and kept away from any substances that could cause deterioration or damage to the rubber.

John Dickson, Managing Director at 06 Vauxhall, comments: "Although the safety implications of changing your tyres are clear, unfortunately motorists are often reluctant to swap their wheels because of storage issues.

"When customers purchase winter tyres, we will whisk their summer set away to one of nine Tyre Hotels across the country. Customer service is paramount for us therefore motorists can expect a swift check–in by one of our knowledgeable service team."

Essentially when the temperature drops below seven degrees, winter tyres use a rubber compound with high silica content and have a specially designed tread pattern to perform better in colder conditions by providing increased grip on the road.

Running alongside the Tyre Hotel, 06 Vauxhall, with dealerships in Ormskirk and Skelmersdale, will be offering motorists winter safety checks until March 31 2016. The Winter Safety Check is just £19.99 RRP and comprises a 25 point visual health check and vital fluid top–ups of coolant, brake fluid, screen wash and engine oil.

• For more information about the Tyre Hotel or the Winter Safety Checks at Vauxhall go online to www.06vauxhall.co.uk

Suzuki's latest model will feature a turbo engine

A SPORTIER version of Suzuki's Vitara will be the first UK model to use the company's new 1.4–litre engine.

The turbocharged petrol engine will make its debut in the Vitara S, which goes on sale in January with prices starting at £20,899.

Go to www.suzuki.co.uk for more information.

The new S model will use its new turbo engine to give the Vitara a sportier edge.

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55 RENAULT CLIO 1.4 DYNAMIQUE 3dr, met silver, pAS, E/W, C/L, A/C, ABS, pan roof **£2,295**

53 VAUXHALL CORSA 1.0 LIFE 3dr, met silver, PAS, E/W, C/L, CD, 37,000 miles only **£1,695**

57 VAUXHALL ZAFIRA CLUB 1600cc 5spd, met blue, PAS, E/W, C/L, CD, alloys, 7 seats **£2,995**

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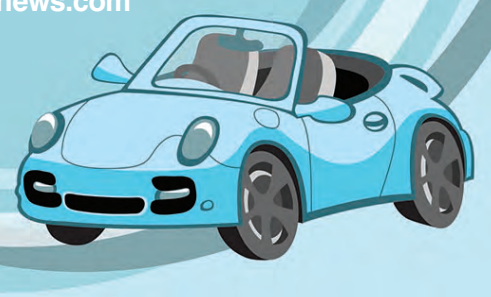

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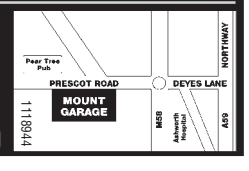

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Another impressive away–day success

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BURSCOUGH picked up three more points with an impressive display on the East coast.

There was a sensational opening to the game with the home side having a man sent off in the very first minute. With a visiting player through on goal, Scarborough defender Paul Robson brought him down on the edge of the area and as the last man he had to go.

To rub salt into the wounds Burscough skipper Paul Williams scored from the resulting free kick.

Despite this, the visitors failed to make the most of their advantage and the score remanined 0–1 at half–time.

However the second period saw Burscough strike early again when Will Jones played a lovely through ball to Drew Lewis who slotted home to double their tally.

With half–an–hour to go the referee reached for the red card again and this time it was Burscough's Michael Monaghan who received his marching orders for reacting to a challenge.

But they made sure of all three points 10 minutes from time when Will Jones headed home from another Paul Williams free kick.

Burscough are at home on Saturday but their opponents have yet to be decided.

If the Linnets won at Marine last night (Tuesday) in the second qualifying round of the FA Trophy they will face Guiseley at home in the next round. If the Marine game is drawn, the replay will be on Saturday.

If Burscough lose they will play Clitheroe in the league.

In–form Linnets target play–off spot

BURSCOUGH are targeting promotion after a remarkable run that has been them lose just once in their last 18 games in all competitions.

The Linnets have been in blistering form of late and have set up an exciting second half to the season with fans dreaming of finishing in the play–offs in the Northern Premier League Division One North.

And it's not just their league form which has grabbed attention. They were also scheduled to travel to neighbours Marine last night (Tuesday) in the FA Trophy third qualifying round with the reward for the winners of a home tie in the First Round proper against Conference side Guiseley on Saturday.

Burscough's emergence from mid–table finishers last season – when they ended in 15th place with 48 points – to possible play–off contenders this year is a dramatic rise in fortunes for the club.

After 17 games this term, they sit fourth in the table with 37 points, just 11 shy of their total for the entire 2014/15 campaign.

Their latest success last weekend saw them return from a potentially tricky away clash at Scarborough Athletic with the points, winning 3–0 with goals by Paul Williams, Drew Lewis and Will Jones.

Club secretary, Stan Petherbridge, believes the key to the side's success is the players' attitude and commitment to manager Mark Beesley.

Speaking earlier this week ahead of the Marine fixture, Stan told the Champion: "We have players who are playing for the manager and it's great to see. We face Marine this week who are in the league above us but we are confident.

"Hopefully history will repeat itself because when we beat them in this competition back in 2003 we went on to win it.

"It will be more difficult this time around as the Conference sides take the competition a lot more seriously and they are all full–time. But if we beat Marine, hopefully we will pull in a decent crowd for Saturday's game against Guiseley.

"In terms of the league, we are doing really well at the moment and we are hoping to get into the play–offs."

Skem have high hopes of FA Trophy upset

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

AFTER shooting down Chorley Magpies 5–2 in their FA Trophy replay last week Skelmersdale United visit high–riding AFC Fylde in the next round on Saturday and although it doesn't get any easier for Tommy Lawson's side they will not be completely without hope.

While Chorley are midtable in the Vanarama National League North, Fylde are top and arguably favourites to win the division. In their ranks will be three former Skem players – Danny Lloyd–McGoldrick, Dion Charles, who had a spell with United on loan, and a hero of the club's championship–winning, Matty Hughes.

Matty moved on the Fleetwood for a considerable fee but remains very popular with the Skem crowd and has made frequent visits to games at Skelmersdale since leaving the club, while his family are even more regular followers and were actually at the Chorley match.

Fylde also have a number of players who have featured in the higher echelons of North West football. Bradley Barnes, Sam Finley and goalkeeper Ben Hinchliffe have all opposed Skem before and forward, Josh Wilson, was in the Guiseley team that United defeated in the 2012/13 FA Trophy run. He is also the cousin of former Premier League midfielder, Joey Barton.

Fylde won 2–0 at Warrington Town in the last round but they hadn't won any of their last four league games prior to last night's scheduled match at Alfreton, drawing two and losing 1–0 at Hednesford and 3–0 at North Ferriby – so they could well be vulnerable.

Former Skem favourite Matty Hughes

Speaking before last night's scheduled Liverpool Senior Cup tie at Bootle, Skelmersdale manager, Tommy Lawson, said: "We are looking forward to the match and know all about a number of their players. We play Bootle tonight and I am resting a couple of players to make sure they are at their best on Saturday, we have no immediate injury worries and we will be well prepared for the day."

Skem will travel with a good following as reportedly all coach tickets are sold for the trip to Fylde and many will no doubt travel by car to the game in Kirkham.

There is no midweek arranged for next week at the time of writing but if Saturday's game is drawn the replay will be at Stormy Corner next Tuesday (December 15) kick–off 7.45pm.

Otherwise the next home game will be on Saturday, December 19 when Ashton United will be the visitors.

Former England prop joins coaching set–up at Ormskirk Rugby Club

ORMSKIRK Rugby Club has achieved a major coup as they welcome former Sale Sharks prop and England international, Stuart Turner, to the club.

Stuart, who was part of the first Sale team to win the Aviva Premiership, joins as interim coach, filling in for head coach, Donny Sutherland, who is taking time off to recover from surgery.

Southport–born Stuart started his playing career at Waterloo then had brief spells at Orrell, Worcester and Rotherham before signing for Sale in 2001.

He went on to play 104 times for the Sharks, scoring seven tries and started the 2005–06 Guinness Premiership Final at Twickenham in which they defeated Leicester Tigers 45–20.

He was called up to the England squad for the first time in the autumn of 2006 but had to wait until the Six Nations in 2007 to make his international debut against Wales in Cardiff.

He was then in the squad that toured South Africa in the summer of 2007 and made two further appearances for his country, coming off the bench in Bloemfontein and Pretoria respectively.

Ormskirk currently lie in 12th place in Lancashire North and have endured a difficult season so far. They will be hoping that Stuart's experience at the very top level will have an impact on the team's performances and help them build on two recent victories to help them move up the table.

Club president, Nick Jacobs, is delighted with Stuart's recruitment. He said: "Stuart's experience speaks for itself and he has already had a positive impact on the training ground and hopefully this will soon be reflected by our performances in matches."

The club are currently trying to recruit players and anyone interested is invited to go down to training to meet Stuart and the lads. Training sessions are held at Green Lane from 6.30pm to 8pm on Tuesdays and at Active8 Glenburn in Skelmersdale from 7 to 8pm on Thursdays.

For more information contact the sporting director, Paul Waywell on 07794469140 or email sporting.director@ormskirkrugby.com.

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